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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (ADDING JERUSALEM AS INFO ADDRESSEE)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, MARR, UNSC, XF, GW PLO
SUBJECT: GERMAN CONTACT WITH PLO IN DAMASCUS

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1. WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT KLAUS KINKEL, THE DIRECTOR OF THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE PLANNING STAFF, HAD A CONTACT WITH THE PLO WHILE VISITING DAMASCUS AT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S REQUEST (REFTEL).

2. KINKEL HAS TOLD US THAT HE SPENT TWO HOURS MEETING WITH ABDEL-MOHSEN MAYZAR (GERMAN transliteration), THE PLO PRESS SPOKESMAN. THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH SYRIAN OFFICIALS PRESENT AS "HOSTS." INITIALLY THE PLO HAD WANTED TO MEET AT
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THE GERMAN EMBASSY, AND THE GERMANS HAD WANTED TO MEET AT A HOTEL. KINKEL ADDED THAT THE FRG WANTS TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE PLO BUT IS NOT WILLING TO PERMIT ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLO OFFICE IN BONN.

3. KINKEL SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT TO DAMASCUS WAS TO DEVELOP BETTER TIES BETWEEN THE FRG AND

SYRIA. HE SAID THIS WAS A PART OF A GENERAL FRG PLAN TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH NON-EGYPTIAN ARAB STATES BECAUSE OF GERMAN UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE INFLUENCE OF SADAT. HE OBSERVED THAT THE SYRIANS STILL SEEMED ENRAGED ABOUT SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVES.

4. KINKEL CONFIRMED THAT SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM WOULD VISIT BONN IN EARLY JULY. HE ADDED THAT PRESIDENT ASSAD WOULD COME TO BONN IN SEPTEMBER. STOESEL

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